



# MICHIGAN HILL NEWS

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## Notes from the Board

One of the biggest expenses to which our MHOA dues goes to is the maintenance of our roads on the Hill. Grading of the roads is complete for this year. Remember, when you see that trail of dust in your rearview mirror, that is your dues blowing away in a cloud. Obeying the speed limit, and reminding guests to do the same, will help preserve our roads.

Also, the board is working on an online system for owner's to post information about the availability of free firewood on their property. Stay tuned for more information soon!

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## Did you know?

Because the pond has too much grass, grass carp are added to the stock. They are vegetarian fish that primarily eat aquatic plants. Grass carp are one of the largest members of the minnow family. Their body is oblong with moderately large scales, while the head has no scales. There are three simple and seven branched rays on the dorsal fin and they are silvery to olive in color, lacking the golden hue of common carp. They have no barbels – those whisker-like projections. If you catch a grass carp, please release it back into the water. The grass carp help create a healthy ecosystem in the pond. On the left is a picture of the Grass Carp—on the right, Rainbow Trout.



Remember, only kids can catch and keep trout. Frying some up for dinner? Try a mixture of mayo, Dijon mustard, dill, honey, salt and pepper to slather over the fish before cooking. Mmmmm good!

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## Events

Want to get more involved or just hear the latest? Everyone is invited (and encouraged) to attend board meetings. The next meeting is October 26, 2024, then February 8, 2025. Next year's annual meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2025. Dates are subject to change, but the board hopes to stick to them. Dates, times and locations are posted on the Michigan Hill website— [MHHOA.COM](https://www.mhhoa.com). Check it out!

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## Featured Member(s)

Hello everyone. I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Elaine Grace and I've volunteered to reinstate the MHOA newsletter. I'm a retired high school teacher and have a couple decades of journalism experience working with high school students. My family and I have been coming up to the Hill since 1994 when my mom's cabin was complete. We love the amazing panoramas in South Park, the wild flowers and changing colors of the trees, and of course, the diverse wildlife. We also relish the cool, peaceful nights and the midnight views of the Milky Way.

If you would be willing to be featured in this section of the newsletter in the next issue, please contact me at [elaine.grace1067@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.grace1067@gmail.com). I'd love to hear from you!

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## Maintenance and Energy Tips

Are you overwhelmed with maintenance of the land around your property? I know I am! Managing fallen trees and ground debris can seem like a task equivalent to climbing Mt. Everest. Need someplace to take your slash, since the fire pit closed? **Mt. View Waste**, has five convenient locations, Pine Junction, Fairplay, Hartsel, Guffey and Lake George. Each station has different hours. [Click here](#) for a link to their website.

Also, if you were at the annual meeting in June 2024, then you met the folks at **Action Tree Removal** – Carole and Karl Copeman. [Click here](#) for a link to their website. These folks are in the biz of helping you keep yourself and your property as safe as possible, in this high risk wildfire season. Contacting them can be the first step in keeping your property in good condition.

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## Photos

If you have pictures taken on Michigan Hill, or the surrounding area, and you would like to submit for publication here, **and** can tell me when and where the photo was taken, and by whom, please email them to [elaine.grace1067@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.grace1067@gmail.com). If people are in the pictures, please identify them as well.



Twins, Michigan Hill Rd. June 2023, E. Grace



Elk, Michigan Hill Rd. Nov 2023, R. Thompson

As you may, or may not know, there is a **Michigan Hill Facebook page**, and a **Michigan Hill Nextdoor page**. Thank you Valerie Buffard for posting that amazing picture of a bobcat on the Facebook page. These social media sites are yet another place for folks to share the wonders of Michigan Hill!

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## What's to come?

I'm hoping to publish a newsletter three times a year. Next issue scheduled for JAN 2025, then MAY and finally in SEPTEMBER. Again, send me your pictures and story ideas, [elaine.grace1067@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.grace1067@gmail.com).

Join us for the next board meeting October 26, 2024!